



News Release

May 7, 2014

USDA Surveys to Provide Insight on 2014 Agriculture

A sample of Michigan farm operators will have an opportunity to provide farm information during the upcoming June Agricultural Survey period. These surveys are among the largest and most important conducted by the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Field Office and they serve as a primary source of agricultural information. These surveys will provide accurate and reliable data about 2014 planted acreages of major crops, grain stocks, and livestock in Michigan and the U.S.

Producers rely on the survey results to make valid production, marketing, and investment decisions. Congress uses the information to design better regulations and farm programs. Industry analysts, extension agents, farm organizations, and agricultural lenders use the data in a variety of ways to directly benefit the grower.

Growers across Michigan will be contacted during the coming weeks to obtain data regarding their operations. This data will be collected by mail, phone, and personal interviews. Growers will also be given the opportunity to report on the Internet. All survey responses are protected by law and remain strictly confidential. Information from individual operations will not be disclosed but will be combined with others to make reliable state, regional, and national estimates.

Results will be released soon after the survey is complete. The Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Report will be released on Friday, June 27, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. and the Acreage and Grain Stocks Reports will be released on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. Survey results can be obtained at www.nass.usda.gov or by calling the Great Lakes Regional Field Office at 1-800-453-7501.